FEELING PUNCHY

OUR AERATOR ROUNDPUP WILL GIVE YOUR TURF THE RELIEF IT NEEDS.

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1. Carrier

The REDEXIM Carrier is a multi-function power tool that the company predicts will become the essential all-around instrument for any golf course or sports field. This new machine is designed to carry a variety of hard working implements such as a deep tine aerator, over-seeders, a verti-cutter, sod cutter and more. The Carrier’s Vanguard 31 hp engine and three-wheeled hydrostatic drive train make it a powerful, but highly maneuverable machine. With the Redexim Verti-Drain 1513 implement attached to the Carrier’s three-point lift, it is capable of aerating to a depth of six inches, with either coring or solid tines, and provides the same patented forced heave of all Verti-Drain machines. The versatility of the Carrier makes it the “Swiss Army knife” of the turf industry, the company says.

2. Lawnaire 28 Aerator

Ideal for smaller turf areas on golf courses, the Lawnaire 28 from RYAN offers operators cutting-edge technology while being efficient, easy to maneuver and durable. With a 28-inch aerating swath and a front caster wheel that provides near zero-turn performance, this efficient aerator is able to aerate up to 24,000 square feet per hour. It’s precise vertical coring action punches eight reciprocating tines straight in and out, down to 2 ½ inches, even in hard soil. The Lawnaire 28 is self-propelled and an isolated handlebar absorbs vibration, making it easy to use and comfortable for the operator. A reinforced heavy-gauge steel frame makes this time-tested unit solid and reliable. A two-year limited warranty is provided.

3. Terra Spike XF

WIEDENMANN’S Terra Spike XF deep aerifier is unique in that it can aerify at a depth of 8 ½ inches at the speed of a shallow aerifier. The exclusive twin drive transmission can produce square-hole spacing of 2½ inches and 5 inches, with a forward travel speed of 1.2 and 2.4 mph respectively. The quickset feature of the central depth adjustment and the central angle adjustment allows depth and angle adjustments to be performed on the fly, thus obtaining optimal aerification results. The unique shock absorbing systems, VibraStop and PowerPack, remove any vibrations resulting from the high aerification speed. The XF offers an optional hydraulic depth adjustment, window, rotary brush, and a variety of needle tine holders.

4. A40 and V40 PrecisionCore Aerators

Designed with superintendents’ feedback in mind, the A40 and V40 PrecisionCore Aerators from JOHN DEERE are engineered to provide increased productivity and efficiency. The patented articulating frame meets superintendents’ needs for more consistent hole depth in undulating terrain, and shift-on-the-fly technology allows for users to change the hole spacing while the machine is in motion. The machines also feature a tighter turning radius, which aids in sharper, quicker turns. The aerators are also compatible with an optional verticutter attachment. To improve operator experience, the aerator offers a re-designed operator’s station to allow for easier control, and reduced levels of handlebar vibration.

Andy Caddell, Equipment Manager at Pinehurst Resort, has been keeping the equipment running for 42 years. He’s seen a lot of changes to the equipment, but things have also gotten a bit more... complicated. “We had a fairway unit that we used to run over tee boxes... now we have tee mowers, surround mowers, trim mowers, collar mowers,” he says. Caddell gave us a few words of advice during the busiest two weeks of his career: back-to-back U.S. Opens.

TIPS FROM ANDY CADDELL

“100 percent of everything I do is preventative maintenance. No matter if it’s a sprayer or an aerifier, when I bring a piece of equipment in, we don’t just do a quick oil change and send it back out… we check everything on the machine,” Caddell says.

But you don’t have the manpower that a place like Pinehurst Resort has? Caddell isn’t buying that excuse. “It takes 10 minutes, but it saves so much time down the road. It’s all about preventative maintenance,” Caddell says. “You can’t prevent something from happening, but if you put your fingers on everything, it usually works.”
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